



## Administrative Report

**To:** Warden MacDonald and Members of Essex County Council

**From:** David Sundin, BA (Hons), LL.B., Director, Legislative and Legal Services/County Solicitor

**Date:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025

**Subject:** Annexation of the Land known as Monroe Island by the Town of Tecumseh from the Municipality of Lakeshore

**Report #:** 2025-0507-LLS-R19-DMS

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### Purpose

The purpose of this Administrative Report (this "**Report**") is to provide County Council with necessary information to support and endorse the annexation by the Town of Tecumseh of a parcel of land from the Municipality of Lakeshore known as Monroe Island (the "**Annexation**").

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "**Ministry**") requires the endorsement of the County prior to the Annexation being approved.

### Background

The property that is the subject of this Report and the Annexation is located at municipal address 440 Brighton Road, currently in the Municipality of Lakeshore ("**Monroe Island**").

The Council of the Municipality of Lakeshore considered a report dated March 10, 2025 (the "**Lakeshore Report**") proposing the Annexation of Monroe Island by the Town of Tecumseh. The Municipality of Lakeshore on April 8, 2025 further adopted By-law 25-2025, Being a By-law to Approve the Annexation of 440 Brighton Road ("Monroe Island") by the Town of Tecumseh and to Authorize a Boundary Adjustment Agreement between the Municipality of Lakeshore, the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh and the Corporation of the County of Essex (the "**Lakeshore By-law**"). A copy of the Lakeshore Report is appended to this Report as **Appendix A** and a copy of the Lakeshore By-law is appended to this Report as **Appendix B**.

Likewise, the Council of the Town of Tecumseh considered a report dated April 8, 2025 (the "**Tecumseh Report**"), which proposed a Municipal

Restructuring of Monroe Island – Proposal and Ministry Application and further approved By-law 45-2025, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Boundary Adjustment Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, Municipality of Lakeshore, and County of Essex for the municipal property known as 440 Brighton Road in Tecumseh (the "**Tecumseh By-law**"). A copy of the Tecumseh Report is appended to this Report as **Appendix C** and a copy of the Tecumseh By-law is appended to this Report as **Appendix D**.

## Discussion

As described in the Lakeshore report, Monroe Island, which is depicted in Figure A below, is a unique property which although being located within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Lakeshore, is an island with its only access being a driveway/bridge that connects to land in the geographic boundaries of the Town of Tecumseh.



**Figure A**

As per the Lakeshore Report and the Tecumseh Report, and as evidenced by the passing of the Lakeshore By-law and the Tecumseh By-law, the Municipality of Lakeshore and the Town of Tecumseh agree that it would be more cost effective for services to Monroe Island to be provided by the Town of Tecumseh.

County Administration has not identified any concerns or any impacts on the County in endorsing the Annexation proposed by the Town of Tecumseh and the Municipality of Lakeshore.

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to the County related to endorsing the Annexation and confirming same with the Ministry.

### Consultations

During the preparation of this report, consultations have taken place with the Municipality of Lakeshore and the Town of Tecumseh.

### Strategic Plan Alignment

Working as Team Essex County	Growing as Leaders in Public Service Excellence	Building a Regional Powerhouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Scaling Sustainable Services through Innovation  <input type="checkbox"/> Focusing “Team Essex County” for Results  <input type="checkbox"/> Advocating for Essex County’s Fair Share	<input type="checkbox"/> Being an Employer with Impact  <input type="checkbox"/> A Government Working for the People  <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Transparency and Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/> Providing Reliable Infrastructure for Partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting Dynamic and Thriving Communities Across the County  <input type="checkbox"/> Harmonizing Action for Growth <input type="checkbox"/> Advancing Truth and Reconciliation

## **Recommendation**

That Essex County Council approve report number 2025-0507-LLS-R19-DMS, Annexation of Land by the Town of Tecumseh from the Municipality of Lakeshore; and,

That Essex County Council approve a By-law in support of the annexation of Monroe Island at the appropriate time, and authorize the Clerk and the Warden to execute such agreements and documents as may be required to effect the said annexation; and ,

That Essex County Council direct Administration to communicate the County's support for the annexation to the Town of Tecumseh, the Municipality of Lakeshore, and to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

## **Approvals**

Respectfully Submitted,

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<b>Appendix</b>	<b>Title</b>
A	Lakeshore Report
B	Lakeshore By-law
C	Tecumseh Report
D	Tecumseh By-law